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SUBJECT: KHALID FAHUM DISCUSSES PLO POSITION IN

JAN 12 SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE

1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO PLO CENTRAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN KHALID FAHUM PLO REPS WILL ADOPT "FLEXIBLE" APPROACH AT UNSC, DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN U.S. AND ISRAELI ATTITUDES TOWARD PALESTINE ISSUE, CALLING FOR LIMITED RIGHT OF RETURN, DEMANDING INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE AND REQUESTING SC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF "PALESTINIAN SPOKESMAN" (NOT SPECIFIED AS PLO BUT WHICH IN REALITY WILL BE PLO) TO SPEAK FOR PALESTINIANS IN FUTURE. U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF PALESTINIAN POSITION WOULD LEAD TO PALESTINIAN AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT REFERENCE TO SC RESES. 242 AND 33 IN SYRIAN DRAFT RES. AND WOULD STIMULATE FURTHER PALESTINIAN "FLEXIBILITY." END SUMMARY.

2. YUGOSLAV EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY CALLED ON EMBOFF JAN 8 TO PASS ON DETAILS OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN YUGOSLAV EMBOFFS AND PLO CENTRAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN KHALID FAHUM PREVIOUS DAY. FAHUM ASSERTED THAT PALESTINIANS HAD AGREED UPON "FLEXIBLE" APPROACH TO DEBATE. ACCORDING TO YUGOSLAV, FAHUM STATED PLO REPS PLANNED TO PRESENT HISTORICAL REVIEW OF PALESTINE

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QUESTION TO SC AND OUTLINE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO

REDRESS PALESTINIAN GREIVANCES. SYRIA WOULD INTRODUCE ACTUAL RESOLUTION USING PLO STATEMENTS AS BASIS.

3. FOLLOWING ARE ELEMENTS OF PLO APPROACH ACCORDING TO YUGOSLAV:

A) PALESTINIANS WILL DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN U.S. AND ISRAELI ATTITUDES TOWARD PALESTINIAN ISSUE;

B) THEY WILL DEFINE PALESTINIAN RIGHT OF RETURN AS LIMITED TO "THOSE WHO CAN GO" TO THEIR "HOMELAND" RATHER THAN MADE APPLICABLE TO "ALL PALESTINIANS."

C) REPS WILL CALL FOR INDEPENDENT STATE FOR PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

D) REPS WILL REQUEST THAT SC DEAL WITH ISSUE OF WHO REPRESENTS PALESTINIANS BY ACKNOWLEDGING THERE WILL BE "PALESTINIAN SPOKESMAN."

4. FAHUM CONTINUED THAT IF U.S. INDICATED IT COULD ACCEPT FOREGOING PALESTINIAN PROPOSALS, PLO COULD THEN AGREE TO INCLUDING REFERENCE TO SC RES. 242 AND 338 IN SYRIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION. THIS WAS AS FAR AS PALESTINIANS COULD GO AT THIS POINT, BUT ACCEPTANCE OF SYRO-PALESTINIAN RES. BY U.S. WOULD BRING ABOUT "ADDITIONAL" PALESTINIAN "FLEXIBILITY" IN FUTURE.

5. YUGOSLAV CLAIMED THAT SOVIETS WERE AWARE OF SYRIAN DRAFT RES. AND WERE GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH IT, PERHAPS BECAUSE SYRIANS HAD INDICATED THAT IF RES. ADOPTED SYRIANS WOULD BE READY TO GO TO GENEVA. AS TO GENERAL STRUCTURE OF SYRIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION, YUGOSLAV UNDERSTANDING PARALLELS THAT REPORTED DAMASCUS 0049 (NOTAL) WITH ADDITIONAL CALL FOR SYG TO DRAW UP TIMETABLE FOR "TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL" FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. HE STATED IN CONCLUSION THAT SYRIANS AND PALESTINIANS HAVE BEEN HAVING SOME PROBLEMS IN ATTEMPTING TO COORDINATE
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THEIR POSITIONS.

6. YUGO AMB. PEKIC TOLD AMBASSADOR JAN. 9 THAT PRINCIPAL REMAINING DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN SYRIAN AND PALESTINIAN DRAFTERS WAS LATTER'S UNWILLINGNESS TO INCLUDE POINT IN RESOLUTION REFERRING TO OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WHICH WOULD SPECIFY THAT REFERENCE IS TO THOSE OCCUPIED IN 1967. PEKIC STATED THAT SYRIANS

TOLD HIM THEY EXPECTED THAT AFTER FURTHER MEETINGS IN
N.Y. PALESTINIANS WOULD RECOGNIZE THEY WOULD APPEAR
EXTREMISTS TO WORLD OPINION BY OMITTING SUCH REFERENCE.
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